

## **CONESTOGA RIVER BASIN**

01576521 BIG SPRING RUN NEAR WILLOW STREET, PA

**LOCATION**--Lat 39°59'53", Long 76°15'55", Lancaster County, Hydrologic Unit 02050306, on left bank 300 ft upstream of Long Rifle Road bridge near the intersection with Gypsy Hill Road, and 1.5 mi northeast of Willow Street.

**DRAINAGE AREA.--**1.77 mi<sup>2</sup>.

## **WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS**

**PERIOD OF RECORD**--October 1993 to current year.

**GAGE**--Water-stage recorder and concrete control. Datum of gage is 292.16 ft above sea level.

**REMARKS**--No estimated daily discharges. Records fair except those for daily discharges above 20 ft<sup>3</sup>/s, which are poor.

**PEAK DISCHARGES FOR CURRENT YEAR**--Peak discharges greater than a base discharge of 200 ft<sup>3</sup>/s and maximum (\*):

		Discharge	Gage Height			Discharge	Gage Height		
Date	Time	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(ft)	Date	Time	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(ft)		
Jan. 18	1545	202	6.59			Sept. 16	1500	*392	*7.67

DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1998 TO SEPTEMBER 1999  
DAILY MEAN VALUES

DAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	.66	.77	.63	.51	.94	1.7	2.3	1.5	.93	.66	.41	.54
2	.67	.78	.63	.50	4.5	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.4	.74	.36	.53
3	.74	.78	.63	10	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.3	.78	.41	.53
4	1.3	.77	.98	1.3	1.4	5.4	1.6	1.5	.99	.64	.41	.56
5	.80	.75	.72	.90	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.5	.94	.60	.40	1.3
6	.76	.71	.65	.75	1.1	2.3	1.3	1.5	.88	.59	.35	1.9
7	.75	.69	.63	.69	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.5	.86	.56	.49	14
8	9.8	.70	.81	.68	1.7	1.6	1.3	2.0	.82	.53	.46	.74
9	4.7	.69	.92	11	1.2	1.5	5.2	1.5	.79	.54	.45	1.0
10	3.7	.67	.67	1.5	1.1	1.5	3.2	1.5	.81	.58	.45	.97
11	1.5	1.1	.63	.97	.98	1.4	3.3	1.4	.80	.55	.37	.50
12	1.2	.72	.63	1.0	3.7	1.3	2.7	1.8	.78	.54	.38	.45
13	1.1	.67	.61	1.0	2.4	1.3	2.0	2.8	.81	.55	.44	.44
14	1.1	.69	.59	.89	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.2	.55	9.2	.49
15	1.0	.67	.57	5.8	1.3	2.4	1.8	1.5	.98	.56	1.2	2.4
16	.96	.67	.58	3.2	1.2	2.4	1.8	1.4	.83	.56	.68	97
17	.93	.66	.56	5.3	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.4	2.7	.53	.63	4.6
18	.93	.65	.56	46	4.8	1.9	1.7	1.4	2.0	.54	.58	2.0
19	.93	.65	.55	3.1	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.0	.54	.57	1.6
20	.91	.68	.55	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	.90	.53	.59	1.9
21	.89	.66	.55	2.0	1.4	5.8	1.7	1.3	1.1	.54	.61	2.6
22	.87	.64	.56	1.7	1.2	6.7	2.6	1.3	.98	.63	.58	3.2
23	.80	.64	.54	1.5	1.2	2.6	3.5	1.6	.87	.47	.57	1.6
24	.80	.62	.54	8.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	.81	.48	.57	1.4
25	.80	.61	.53	2.1	1.2	2.0	1.9	1.4	.81	.52	.57	1.3
26	.81	1.6	.52	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.2	.80	.55	1.7	1.2
27	.80	.74	.52	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.1	.77	.44	.93	1.2
28	.85	.67	.55	1.2	2.7	1.9	1.6	1.1	.70	.49	.64	1.2
29	.82	.64	.58	1.1	---	1.7	1.6	1.0	.66	.49	.61	1.2
30	.79	.63	.57	1.0	---	1.6	1.5	1.0	.63	.52	.57	7.7
31	.78	---	.52	.94	---	1.5	---	.97	---	.46	.56	---
TOTAL	43.45	21.92	19.08	119.13	47.92	68.1	61.0	46.17	29.85	17.26	26.74	156.05
MEAN	1.40	.73	.62	3.84	1.71	2.20	2.03	1.49	1.00	.56	.86	5.20
MAX	9.8	1.6	.98	46	4.8	6.7	5.2	2.8	2.7	.78	9.2	.97
MIN	.66	.61	.52	.50	.94	1.3	1.3	.97	.63	.44	.35	.44
CFSM	.79	.41	.35	2.17	.97	1.24	1.15	.84	.56	.31	.49	2.94
IN.	.91	.46	.40	2.50	1.01	1.43	1.28	.97	.63	.36	.56	3.28

**STATISTICS OF MONTHLY MEAN DATA FOR WATER YEARS 1994 - 1999, BY WATER YEAR (WY)**

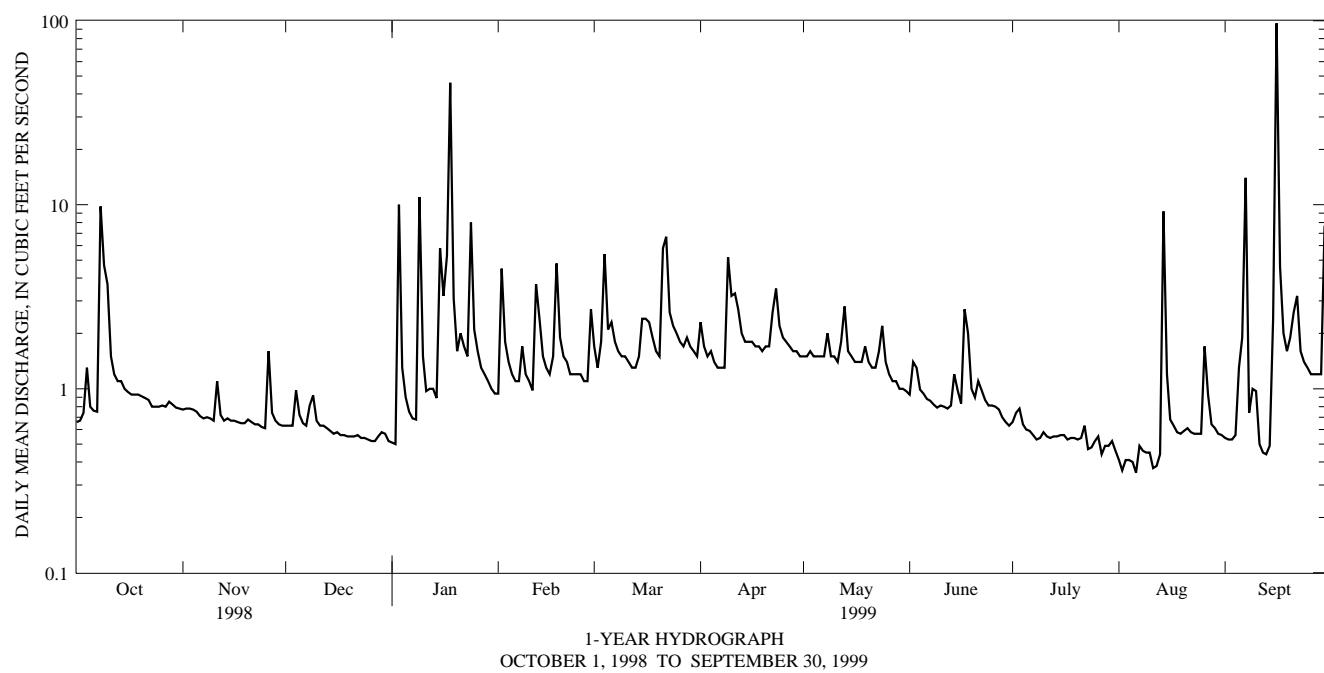
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SUMMARY STATISTICS	FOR 1998 CALENDAR YEAR	FOR 1999 WATER YEAR	WATER YEARS 1994 - 1999
ANNUAL TOTAL	839.66	656.67	
ANNUAL MEAN	2.30	1.80	
HIGHEST ANNUAL MEAN			2.96 4.21 1996
LOWEST ANNUAL MEAN			1.80 1999
HIGHEST DAILY MEAN	25 Mar 21	97 Sep 16	97 Sep 16 1999
LOWEST DAILY MEAN	.52 Dec 26	.35 Aug 6	.35 Aug 6 1999
ANNUAL SEVEN-DAY MINIMUM	.54 Dec 21	.40 Jul 31	.40 Jul 31 1999
INSTANTANEOUS PEAK FLOW		a392 Sep 16	a392 Sep 16 1999
INSTANTANEOUS PEAK STAGE		7.67 Sep 16	7.67 Sep 16 1999
INSTANTANEOUS LOW FLOW		.15 Aug 8b	.15 Aug 8 1999b
ANNUAL RUNOFF (CFSM)	1.30	1.02	1.67
ANNUAL RUNOFF (INCHES)	17.65	13.80	22.75
10 PERCENT EXCEEDS	4.1	2.4	4.5
50 PERCENT EXCEEDS	1.7	.98	2.0
90 PERCENT EXCEEDS	.66	.54	.67

a From rating curve extended above 100 ft<sup>3</sup>/s on basis of step-backwater computation, at gage height 7.30 ft and at peak flow.

b Also Aug. 11-13.







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**WATER-QUALITY DATA, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1998 TO SEPTEMBER 1999**

DATE	TIME	AGENCY ANA- LYZING SAMPLE (CODE NUMBER) (00028)	AGENCY COL- LECTING SAMPLE (CODE NUMBER) (00027)	DIS-	DIS-	PH	SPE- CIFIC FIELD CON- DUCT- ANCE	NITRO-	NITRO-	NITRO-			
				CHARGE, IN FEET PER SECOND	CHARGE, INST. FEET PER SECOND	WATER WHOLE (STAND- ARD) (MG/L)		GEN, MONIA + DIS- OLVED UNITS) (00400)	GEN, AM- MONIA + ORGANIC (MG/L)	GEN, AM- MONIA + ORGANIC (MG/L)			
SEP 1999													
07-07	0252	80020	1028	45	--	--	--	--	.193	.85	3.8		
08...	0815	80020	1028	--	.76	7.6	7.4	671	17.1	.029	.30		
08...	0900	80020	1028	--	.82	--	--	--	--	--	--		
SEP													
16-17	0540	80020	1028	101	--	--	--	--	.133	.71	2.7		
22...	0940	80020	1028	--	3.2	9.4	7.1	498	13.9	.117	.62		
28...	0855	80020	1028	--	1.1	9.8	7.1	756	14.9	<.020	.18		
SEP													
30-30	0237	80020	1028	21	--	--	--	--	--	.049	1.1		
SEP													
30-30	0238	80020	1028	21	--	--	--	--	--	<.020	.85		
											1.0		
DATE	NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub>	NITRO- GEN, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L) AS N) (00631)	NITRO- GEN, NITRITE DIS- SOLVED (MG/L) AS N) (00613)	PHOS- PHORUS DIS- SOLVED (MG/L) AS P) (00666)	PHOS- PHORUS, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L) AS P) (00671)	PHOS- PHORUS TOTAL (MG/L) AS P) (00665)	STREP- TOCOCCI FECAL, TUR- BID- ITY (NTU) (00076)	CHLOR-A PERI-A KF AGAR (COLS. PER FLUOROM 100 ML) (31673)	CHLOR-B PERI-B PHYTON CHROMO- GRAPHIC FLUOROM (MG/M <sup>2</sup> ) (70957)	PERI-B PHYTON CHROMO- GRAPHIC FLUOROM (MG/M <sup>2</sup> ) (70958)	PERI-B PHYTON BIOMASS ASH WEIGHT G/SQ M (00572)	PERI- PHYTON BIOMASS TOTAL DRY WEIGHT G/SQ M (00573)	PERI- PHYTON BIOMASS TOTAL DRY WEIGHT (MG/L) (80154)
SEP 1999													
07-07	1.27	.047	.382	.385	1.49	--	--	--	--	--	843		
08...	8.33	.031	.057	--	.068	1.7	--	--	--	--	3		
08...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.1	1.50	359.9	370.3		
SEP													
16-17	2.69	.029	.579	.553	1.42	160	--	--	--	--	624		
22...	4.46	.040	.179	--	.233	9.0	60000	--	--	--	3		
28...	7.53	.016	.018	--	.023	1.1	--	--	--	--	1		
SEP													
30-30	1.68	.106	.228	.129	.827	89	--	--	--	--	229		
SEP													
30-30	2.30	.085	.280	.242	.868	89	--	--	--	--	229		

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BIOLOGICAL DATA, MAY AND SEPTEMBER 1999  
BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATES

**REMARKS.**--Rapid bioassessments for benthic macroinvertebrates were conducted in May and September 1999. Samples represent counts per 200-organism (approximate) subsamples.

Benthic Macroinvertebrate	May 1999	Sept. 1999
Platyhelminthes	--	--
Turbellaria (FLATWORMS)	--	--
Tricladida	--	--
Planariidae	--	20
Annelida	--	--
Oligochaeta (AQUATIC EARTHWORMS)	--	--
Haplotaxida	--	--
Enchytraeidae	--	1
Tubificidae	--	20
<i>Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri</i>	--	2
Naididae	--	--
<i>Nais bretschieri</i>	130	--
<i>Nais elinguis</i>	25	--
<i>Nais</i> sp	--	3
<i>Ophidonaia serpentina</i>	8	--
<i>Pristinella jenkinae</i>	--	1
<i>Specaria</i> sp	32	--
Hirudinea (LEECHES)	--	--
Pharyngobdelliida	--	--
Erpobdelliidae	--	--
<i>Erpobdella punctata</i>	--	1
Mollusca	--	--
Gastropoda (SNAILS)	--	--
Basommatophora	--	--
Planorbidae	--	--
<i>Gyraulus</i> sp	--	1
Pelecypoda (CLAMS)	--	--
Venerida	--	--
Sphaeriidae	--	--
<i>Pisidium</i> sp	--	2
Arthropoda	--	--
Arachnoidae	--	--
Hydracarina (WATER MITES)	--	--
Lebertiidae	--	--
<i>Lebertia</i> sp	--	2
Insecta	--	--
Ephemeroptera (MAYFLIES)	--	--
Baetidae	--	--
<i>Baetis flavistriga</i>	--	1
Odonata	--	--
Coenagrionidae (DAMSELFLIES)	--	--
Enallagma sp	--	2
Hemiptera (TRUE BUGS)	--	--
Corixidae (WATER BOATMEN)	--	13
<i>Palmarocirixa</i> sp	--	4
<i>Sigara</i> sp	--	2
Trichoptera (CADDIS FLIES)	--	--
Hydropsychidae	--	1
<i>Cheumatopsyche</i> sp	--	4
Hydroptilidae	--	--
<i>Hydroptila</i> sp	--	2
Diptera	--	--
Tipulidae (CRANE FLIES)	--	--
<i>Tipula</i> sp	--	1
Simuliidae (BLACK FLIES)	--	--
<i>Simulium</i> sp	2	5
Chironomidae (MIDGES)	--	--
Tanypodinae	--	--
<i>Thienemannimyia</i> gr	--	1
Orthocladiinae	--	--
<i>Cricotopus bicinctus</i>	--	1
<i>Cricotopus trifascia</i> gr	--	1
<i>Cricotopus</i> sp	2	2
<i>Orthocladius</i> sp	--	3
<i>Parametriocnemus</i> sp	--	3
<i>Thienemannicella</i> sp	--	2
<i>Tvetenia bavarica</i> gr	--	2

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Benthic Macroinvertebrate	May 1999	Sept. 1999
Chironominae	--	--
<i>Cryptochironomus</i> sp	--	2
<i>Dicrotendipes</i> sp	--	30
<i>Micropsectra</i> sp	--	11
<i>Paratendipes albimanus</i>	--	13
<i>Phaenopsectra</i> sp	--	1
<i>Polypedilum convictum</i>	--	6
<i>Rheotanytarsus</i> sp	--	23
<i>Stictochironomus</i> sp	--	1
<i>Tanytarsus glabrescens</i> gr	--	10
<i>Tanytarsus</i> sp	--	21
Total organisms	199	221